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The Honorable Xavier Becerra
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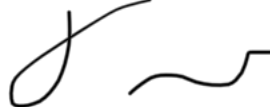
Dear Secretary Becerra,

I write to you today because my state is in crisis. For the fourth time in this pandemic, Louisiana is one of the leading hotspots in the country for coronavirus cases and our healthcare system is on the brink. On Tuesday of this week, more than 3,000 people across the state were hospitalized and 122 new deaths were reported. That's a new record for hospitalizations and the third worst day for deaths throughout the entire pandemic. We have received dire warnings about overburdened hospitals, exhausted staff, and forecasts tragically expect the number of deaths to continue to climb. Put simply, the Delta variant is overwhelming our state.

In times of crisis, we need all hands on deck. As the Representative in Congress for Louisiana's 2nd Congressional District, the dire situation requires all the federal resources we can find right now. To that end, I invite your office to visit my district to see the incredible work being done by our healthcare workers, as well as the daunting challenges we face in the middle of this crisis.

The Department of Health and Human Services has played an important role in this pandemic. Your support for healthcare systems across the country has been invaluable, and the presence of your agency's disaster strike teams here in Louisiana have helped save lives. I hope you will join me right now, in the midst of this crisis, to examine what further resources can be brought to bear to support our healthcare systems across the state.

Sincerely,



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